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- ☐ Want to share an interest and give something of yourself to someone else...
- ☐ Wish to do something worthwhile
- ☐ Want an opportunity for personal growth
- ☐ Wish to give a direct service personally
- ☐ Want a challenge which is interesting and enjoyable and provides new social contacts
- ☐ Wish to expand your knowledge...?

Then

We believe that you can find a rewarding involvement as a volunteer in one of our institutions or in one of our community programs with youngsters in trouble with the law, a young person with special learning disabilities, those who are developmentally handicapped, or a disturbed adolescent.

Why

Youngsters in trouble need help and understanding and the acceptance and friendship of people like you. Above all, it is important to know that somebody outside of their immediate circle of friends really cares. You could well be that special person whose influence is the turning point in the life of another human being.

Who is the Young Person

The majority of people in the Ministry's care are under 16 years of age. They are often in need of a great deal of support and assistance. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that the young person could be anyone at all who has been unable to meet the demands and pressures of modern day living. With help and understanding he will be able to meet the expectations of society. Many live in one-parent homes, or families with a father too busy to be a parent. There are special groups of young people who are unable to live with their own families or independently. Many are in institutions and group homes.

All of these youngsters need love and individual attention. So easy to say! Yet how can we respond in an adequate way? We believe there *is* an answer.

What Can You Do

There are many ways you can help to build a child's future. If you wish to form a one-to-one relationship, the commitment expected of you could be to another person for a year or more, providing supervision to a youngster in trouble with the law, or a young person in an institution or group home.

The list of volunteer activities is almost unlimited, and almost any skill you may wish to offer could be the basis of involvement. Here are some examples:

- ☐ Life skills
- ☐ Group discussion
- ☐ Restitution
- ☐ Volunteer co-ordinator
- ☐ Creative writing
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Working with families and teenage mothers
- ☐ Activity groups
- ☐ Hobbycraft
- ☐ Budget cooking
- ☐ Tutoring
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Family sharing

The important thing is that you have something to share with another, be it a skill, an interest or an ability to listen. You are ready to share and you care. For someone with questions you could be the answer.

Where

The Ministry is active in all communities of the province. If you cannot locate one of our local programs, you are invited to contact:

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